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DEADLY DULLNESS MARKS TAFT'S DAY AND HIS VISITORS

Leaders In Political World Drop In and Then Drop Out.

NOTHING IS DOING. SAY ALL CALLERS

Believed, However, That Ohio Politics and Western Trip Were Discussed.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

President-elect Taft is spending a day of innocuous calm, dreary contemplation and concentrated

He had many callers, but they didn't talk about a thing. High lights of officialdom, they had an epidemic. All were seized with the inexplicable impulse to "drop around" and whisper inane nothings into the ear of William Howard Taft. None of them had any business there, and none of them wanted anything at all.

The Boring Game. Taking their statements at their face value, as is always the rule in dealing with statesmen, they pulled off a highly successful performance of the game of boring Taft to death. After the calls were all over, a motion was made to incorporate the Want-Nothing Club, with goose egg as the sacred emblem. This, however, has not yet been done. Among the callers were Gen. Luke E. Wright, the Secretary of War, who will return to private life March 5; Myron T. Herrick, who lost the race for the Treasury portfolio by a fraction of nose; John Callan O'Laughlin, Assistant Secretary of State, who has declined the offer of the post of Minister to the Argentine Republic; Representative Duncan McKinlay of California, and John F. Vivian, chairman of the

After Mr. Taft had received this line of visitors who had nothering to say. he announced that he would run out to Chevy Chase in his automobile this How Two of Sylvester's Citafternoon and play a game of golf. First to Emerge.

Republican State committee of Colo-

Myron T. Herrick was the first gentle man to emerge from the presence of the President-elect. He looked around lazily, smiled

weary-sad, and said: Nothing at all in my visit. I merely

dropped in to pay my respects."

The next was Secretary Wright.

"Merely a social call," he explained languidly, and made his departure with slow and solemn steps.

They all had the same thrilling, much of it. Of course, there is that dramatic story. They had no reason for being there. They had had no reason for coming. In fact, they had no reason for coming. They were merely drifting around for no reason at all—rudderless, you understand—and they felt rather surprised that they had seen Mr. They had no reason at all—rudderless, you understand—and they felt rather surprised that they had seen Mr. They define the streets eight they had no reason for coming. In fact, they had no reason for coming there. They had no reason for coming there. They had no reason for coming the streets eight historic flagship, is already in from the historic flagship, is already in fr Accustomed as he is to hearing the special officers.

Accustomed as he is to hearing the eloquence of the South, the pleading arguments of Wall Street, the requests for place and power and the labored explanations of plans to save the republic and uplift the people, Mr. Taft had a tame day, a very tame day indeed. There was nothing to it at all, just a little conversation and a lot of wet weather.

There was something alluring, something fascinating in the prospect of hiking around the streets with a big shiny badge on one's expanded breast, and have all the small boys in the neighborhood disappear when one comes around a corner and say. "Cheese it,

Another Impression. There is, however, a general impression

that Myron T. Herrick was there to discuss Ohio politics, which are not at present as sweetly calm as might be the case. Representative McKinlay may have wanted something in the way of legislation for his own State-such a thing is not impossible.

Chairman Vivian, of the Colorado State committee, it is thought, had a few well chosen remarks to make about the trip which Mr. Taft hopes to make to Alaska next summer, stopping off at to Alaska next summer, stopping off at Denver, and other Western points. This is not the only urging Mr. Taft will receive to carry out his desire to take the trip. This evening he will go to the dinner given by Thomas F. Walsh. Many of the guests will be Westerners. Mr. Walsh is the man who, last summer, headed the committee which invited Mr. Taft to attend the Trans-Mississippi Congress at Denver next summer, and it is highly probable that something may be said about it this evening. about it this evening.

Afternoons Free.

For the information of the gentlemen who drop around about nothing at all and say less than that to the Presidentelect, it might be well to point out that Mr. Taft is trying to keep his afternoons free from engagements. He feels that he must reserve some time for exercise, and he wants a more strenuous physical exertion than that entailed b shaking a friendly hand or inclining an attentive ear. These labors are at times quite irksome, but they do not stir up Henderson today definitely limited the

WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Showers this afternoon, partly cloudy
and slightly cooler tonight. Wednesday
fair; winds mostly light and variable.

TEMPERATURE.

Tomorrow—High tide, 5:47 a. m. and than \$720,000 against the Standard Oil 6:92 p. m. Low tide, 12:66 a. m.

CRACK MILITARY ORGANIZATION ARRIVES TO HONOR TAFT



MASSACHUSETTS COAST ARTILLERY AND BAND MARCHING FROM UNION STATION.

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See Hero Medals.

Then, too, there was the prospect of being a hero. Everybody likes to be a hero and policemen have better chances of being heroes than plain everyday citizens. Some of them could just see a Carnegie medal staring them in the

Then there was another inducement that puts the \$2.50 per back into the dark corner. It was the possible of portunity to exercise latent Sherlor Holmes talents that would mean a big

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FINALLY AFFIRMED

Court Rules That More Than Thirty-six Offenses May Not Be Proved.

number of offenses for which the Stand ard Oil Company is liable, to thirty-six, when he sustained a motion to that ef fect by Attorrey John S. Miller for the defendant.

Attorney Miller first moved that the

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ourt rule that the Government be required to elect on which of the 1,462 counts of the indictment charging the
counts of the indictment charging the
acceptance of rebates from the Alton
railroad, it proposed to make its case.
The court overruled this motion. Miller then moved that the court limit the number of offenses to thirty-six and order the Government not to in-

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises

Sun rises

Sun sets

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Jackies From World Cruise Come With Banners Flying

Aboard the Hartford are sailors from the Leuisiana and Kentucky, under to do command of Lieut. Commander W. D. years.

INAUGURAL SOUVENIR

EDITION OF THE

WASHINGTON TIMES

TO BE ISSUED

The Morning of March 4

Its contents will have the timely

information of the program of the

day and make-up of parade that

everyone will want. It will have

also the photographs of street scenes,

decorations, and historic and world-

famous places that will make the

edition one to be taken home and

ONE CENT

Its price will be that of the regu-

With flags flying, with blue lackets side the Platter which drilling and their hard filling the air with nartial quicksteps, the fleet has come to Washington. All the blg battleships which made the whole would sit up and take notice have not honored the Capital with their presence, but they have sent as mary understudies as they could possibly get up to the Washington Navy Yord and things are moving some down in the southeastern section of the city.

When the Dixie pulls in this after are affected and of the southeastern section of the city while the regular bluecoats of the city while the regular bluecoats are detailed down town don't think are detailed for the globe-circling satiors.

With flags flying, with blue lackets side the Platter with the main hard filling the air carried all the amnunition to the fleet. Aboard the lampton loads before it started for its memorable cruise. Aboard the lampton loads before it started for its memorable cruise. Aboard the Prairie are 750 more bluejackets, and outside the navy yard, waiting to come in, is the Dixie with an equal number of me. Prairie are sallors from the Connecticut. When the southeastern section of this entire fleet. Aboard the Prairie are sallors from the Connecticut.

When the Dixie which the menual number of me. Prairie are sailors from the Connecticut. Aboard the Prairie are sailors from the Connecticut.

Aboard the Ammond of Lieut. Commander W. P. Otto ships was aded new life to the yard. Everybody is hustiling visitors are becomed in, is the Dixie with an equal number of me.

The presence of the fleet of ships was day has added new life to the washing to come in, is the Dixie with an equal number of me.

Frairie are sailors from the Connecticut.

Aboard the Prairie are sailor

parade, and much preparation is being made to present him in a manner suit-able to his rank and station.

Its Contents Will

Include:

The program of the day's exercise:

The route and make-up of the pa-

rade by which the spectators will be

able to identify the various promi-

nent participants and organizations.

Information for the public regard-

ing the Inaugural Ball and the even-

Description of the many features

connected with the day's celebration,

including such things as the court

of honor, the scheme of decoration,

the illumination of Pennsylvania ave-

Stories about the prominent men of

Some account of the picturesque and novel features of the parade, such as the Philippine Constabulary Band, the representation of Indians, and the famous political organiza-

The men who have planned and prepared the inauguration observance

Chairman Stellwagen and his asso-iates of the inaugural committee. Photographs of the things that will

make this inauguration memorable—the court of honor, the Avenue decorations, the great grandstands and the buildings and places associated with the country's history and

nue and the great public buildings.

the country who will attend,

with explanatory data.

ing fireworks.

STILL ON THE LID,

Last But One Day in White rooming houses. House Real Stren-

uous.

President Roosevelt's last day but one strenuous than have been those of the past two weeks. The work of cleaning his desk so that Mr. Taft's early burdens may be reduced is a task that might put to rout the heads of many big

Mr. Roosevelt had hardly swallowed his breakfast this morning when the demands from his early callers began. in He had a half dozen important legislative matters to settle, and, in doing this, held conferences with Senators Aldrich, Wetmore, McEnery, Elkins and McCreary, and Representatives Weekes, Wheeler, Foelger, Sterling, Page, Denby, Wilson, Gillette, and Kinkaid,

While he was transacting this business, he was signing scores of letters and putting his autograph on a bunch of pictures of himself that almost covered the top of his desk. He permitted an interruption long enough to receive Chief Justice J. W. Girard, of the New Lork supreme court, who came here to bresent to Mr. Rooseveit a handsome Lunting knife. The knife is elaborately carved has a real-to-carved carved, has a gold handle, two teddy bears form its hilt and two beautifu bears form its hilt and two beautiful rubies represent the eyes of an American eagle, which is at the end of the handle. The President expressed great pleasure at the receipt of the gift and said he would add it to his African given to Washingtonians and the thousands of visitors now here, at the test-

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Printing Commission Gets New Life—Protection for Schools.

House bill.

A feature of the bill is the addition to it by the Senate committee of an amendment extending the life of the Joint Printing Commission, as it now is composed, through the Sixty-first Congress. The sum of \$12,000 is appropriated for the purpose.

The commission consists of the Printing Committees of the Senate and House. It is provided the Speaker shall appoint at the opening of the Sixty-first Congress a temporary Committee on Printing of three members who shall the peace Monument, which made a good appearance last night, will appear to even better advantage, it is because in two large ships search-lights being installed under the direction of Electrical Engineer W. E. Bial, are in position to throw their rays down upon it.

Ivory Ballroom.

The ivory ballroom.

The ivory ballroom.

That is what the artists in charge say the Pension building will be called after

NATION'S HOST POURING ITSELF INTO THE CAPITAL

Fully 100,000 Visitors Have Already Descended Upon Washington.

BIG RUSH HAS ONLY JUST ABOUT BEGUN

Union Station Taxed to Capacity and Street Peddlers Reap Rich Harvest.

It is estimated that nearly 100,000 visitors are already in Washington, and all day a mighty host continued to pour in for the week's fes-

The threatening weather has not dampened the enthusiasm of the great throng here or of those who are hourly arriving. Through the streets they have been trooping all day, and the scene about Union Station has been an inspiring illustration of the heights to which American ardor can rise under the proper incentive.

Militiamen Galore.

Several military organizations today added their strength to the cohorts already here, and more are scheduled to arrive before nightfall. At the hotels apartments have been reserved for governors and their staffs from a dozen or more of the States, and it would not be surprising if every one in the Union were represented on Thursday when he Chief of them all assumes the reins

Population Increased.

It is estimated that in the five hours between 7 and 12 o'clock this morning nearly twenty thous nd men, women. and children visitors were added to the Capital's temporary population." Those who had not taken the precaution to engage rooms ahead were confronted with the problem of finding a lodging place for the night, and hundreds of persons who never slept in any but first-class hotels when away from home will tonight get their rest in

Along Pennsylvania avenue and especially in the vicinity of the White House, a steady stream of persons passed all day, carrying flags and buttens, admiring the decorations of buildings, the arrangements for seating the sightseers, and generally whetting their n the White House was no less appetites for the great display on the

Good for Peddlers.

The street peddlers are doing a landoffice business in buttons, badges, and flags, and the more pretentious places where souvenirs are sold are beehives of activity.

In the light rain of the morning the street fakers stood along the curb with umbrellas over their heads collecting nickels from the liberal crowd which had struck the Capital to have the time of its life. Judging from the crowded condition

of the galleries of the House of Representatives and the Senate today, a good portion of the throng of visitors spent the day at the Capitol. Every seat was taken, and it was necessary to hold open the doors in order that those unable to get in might view the proceedings.
As rapidly as each body of troops ar-

rived at the station it was given a re-ception by the waiting crowds. Glimpse of Lighting.

Capt. Jack Abernathy dropped in to ing of the electrical wiring along Pennsee the President about the time the sylvania avenue and at the Court of hunting knife was being passed around for inspection. He examined it criti-Throngs of sightseers enjoyed the

spectacle, the historic old thoroughfare resenting the most brilliant aspect in years, probably in its history. The carnival spirit was everywhere, laughing and gayly-dressed pedestrians promoading along the Avenue until late into he evening.

When the current was turned on, hortly after sunset, the strings of dectric bulbs stretching from curb to urb, burst into a blazing canopy that tretched from the Peace Monument to Fifteenth street and made the roadway as bright as day.

Continues Several Hours. The illumination of Pennsylvania ave-

nue continued for several hours. The lights about the pillars, arches and decorations of the Court of Honor were turned on for only a few minutes. Pennsylvania avenue from Fifteenth

to Seventeenth street was filled with The last of the big appropriation bills an expectant crowd when the current was disposed of by the Senate Committee on Appropriations and reported to the Senate today. This is the general deficiency bill.

As reported, it carried a total of about \$15,000,000 over the amount of the House bill.

A feature of the bill is the addition. There was disappoint was turned on. There was disappoint ment, however, when it was shortly afterward turned off. In the few minutes that intervened they were given an idea of how the court will appear when the myriads of incandescent lamps are lighted tonight, as it is expected they will be.

The Peace Monument, which made a good appearance last night, will appear.

on Printing of three members who shall the Pension building will be called after have the powers of the regular Committee on Printing and continue until what they are trying to make it. Ex-The Senate committee put in an amendment allowing \$25,000 toward the reconstruction of the House chamber. what they are trying to make it. Except for the color that will adorn the President's box and the delicate shades of the growing azelias that will be scat-